

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 312 (Senator Astle)  
 Judicial Proceedings

**Vehicle Laws - Provisional Drivers' Licenses - First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training Requirement**

This bill requires a provisional driver’s license applicant to complete a first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training course approved by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). MVA must develop a form to evidence the completion of the course, provide notice of these new requirements in driver training materials and by other means, and adopt regulations.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by about \$240,100 in FY 2014, which reflects the bill’s effective date, and by \$110,000 or more annually thereafter, for MVA to implement the new driver’s licensing process involving a CPR training course; this includes hiring additional personnel, procuring contractual assistance for computer reprogramming, and undertaking a promotional campaign. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	240,100	110,000	115,300	120,800	126,600
Net Effect	(\$240,100)	(\$110,000)	(\$115,300)	(\$120,800)	(\$126,600)

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to directly affect local operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful benefit to any small business engaged in the provision of CPR training courses or similar services.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** An applicant for a provisional driver's license is entitled to the license if he or she meets the minimum age requirement, has held a learner's permit for the appropriate period of time and surrenders the permit, passes a driver skills or road exam, and pays the provisional license fee.

**Background:** The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) is unaware of similar requirements in other states. A bill was introduced in the Ohio General Assembly in 2011 to require CPR as a prerequisite to obtaining a driver's license. The bill was assigned to the Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee, but no further action was taken.

**State Expenditures:** TTF expenditures increase by \$240,056 in fiscal 2014, which accounts for the bill's October 1, 2013 effective date, and by at least \$109,998 annually beginning in fiscal 2015. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring two additional customer agents to implement the new driver's licensing process established by the bill, including handling questions and complaints and processing the additional license record transactions. The estimate also includes establishing a promotional campaign to alert learner's permit holders about the new requirement and significant data system reprogramming charges by an external information technology vendor. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses.

Positions	2
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$78,153
Computer Programming	122,000
Promotional Campaign	10,000
Start-up Supplies and Equipment	29,040
Ongoing Operating Costs	<u>863</u>
<b>Total FY 2014 State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$240,056</b>

Future year expenditures reflect full salaries with annual increases and employee turnover as well as annual increases in ongoing operating expenses. DLS advises that, if other legislation is passed requiring computer reprogramming changes, economies of scale could be realized in the contract with the vendor; this would reduce the costs associated with this bill and other legislation affecting MVA.

The estimate does not include any costs associated with certifying CPR providers and their training courses. MVA advises that it expects other State agencies with expertise in emergency medical services to handle or assist with this task. DLS advises that the bill only requires MVA to develop a list, not to certify CPR training providers, although it may be reasonably prudent to do so.

**Additional Comments:** MVA advises that the bill will have an impact on the cost to obtain a provisional driver's license to Maryland residents. Currently, the cost to obtain a provisional license is about \$300 per applicant, on average. MVA advises that the average costs for CPR training courses range from \$60 to \$100. Therefore, the average cost to obtain a provisional driver's license may increase by between one-fifth and one-third under the bill.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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